

## **Oceanside Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual**

### **Volume III – Field Operations**

**501.06 Type of Force Authorized for Use.** Whenever officers are authorized to use force in the line of duty, the following types of force are approved:

- a. Physical restraint of the person that forcibly restricts his/her freedom of movement.
- b. The applications of a physical hold that inflict transitory pain when attempting to control a subject.
- c. The use of the carotid restraint hold or chemical agent.
- d. The weaponless striking of a person to control them to resist an attack or threat of physical violence upon the officer or another person.
- e. The use of a baton, police canine, firearm, taser, handcuff, flexible baton (“bean bag”) ammo, cord-cuff leg restraint, WRAP restraint system, or other resource or tool authorized by the Department for such use. (Revised 9/2017)

**501.06.1** All force options will be administered in accordance with the manner and method taught by the Department's instructors. (Revised 8/04)

**510 Less-Lethal Weaponry.** Police officers and others acting under the authority of the department are generally not authorized to use traditional less-than lethal force options/weapons with the intent to cause serious bodily injury. Beanbag shotguns, police service dogs, batons, pepperball weapons, tasers, or any other departmentally approved less-lethal force option/weapons are authorized to be deployed in a manner that is likely to result in non-serious bodily injury. It is understood that in certain circumstances less-than lethal force options/weapons may be deployed where serious bodily injury or death might result. In these instances, the use of lethal force must be justified. (Revised 2005)

**510.01 Less-Lethal Control Device: “Taser.”** The taser is an effective control device for close range immobilization. A taser may be used to control violent or potentially violent subjects when an officer reasonably believes conventional tactics have been or likely will be ineffective. The taser can be useful in situations where the use of a firearm is not warranted and it is unsafe to approach within contact range of the suspect. (Revised 2005)

**510.01.1** Verbal threats do not justify use of a taser unless the suspect displays violent behavior against any person, or the officer reasonably believes there is an imminent threat of such behavior. (Revised 2005)